

Preliminary Amendment  
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title with the following title:

-- ~~BIS-PHOSPHONIUM~~ BISPHOSPHONIUM SALT AND PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME --

Please substitute the paragraph on page 20, line 22 to page  
21, line 3 to read as follows:

-- When Y in formula (1), which represents the  
bis-phosphonium salt of the present invention, is a halide ion,  
the halide ion can be replaced with an inorganic or organic acid  
anion by allowing the bis-phosphonium salt to react with a desired  
inorganic or organic acid or an alkali metal salt of the acid in a  
solvent (see Japanese Unexamined Patent Application ~~Publications~~  
~~No.~~ Publication Nos. 10-147590 and ~~No.~~ 10-114782). --